

188. Fashion in ethnography. The Carib women in Surinam think that large calves of the leg are a beauty. Therefore they bind the leg above the ankle to make the calves larger. They begin the treatment on children.¹ Some Australian mothers press down their babies' noses. " They laugh at the sharp noses of Europeans, and call them tomahawk noses, preferring their own style." ² The presence of two races side by side calls attention to the characteristic differences. Race vanity then produces an effort to emphasize the race characteristics. Samoan mothers want the noses and foreheads of their babies to be flat, and they squeeze them with their hands accordingly.³ The " Papuan ideal of female beauty has a big nose, big breasts, and a dark-brown, smooth skin." ⁴ To-day the Papuans all smoke white clay pipes. Four weeks later no one will smoke a white pipe. All want brown ones. Still four weeks later no one wants any pipe at all. All run around with red umbrellas.⁵ On the Solomon Islands sometimes they want plain pipes ; then again, pipes with a ship or anchor carved on them ; again, pipes with a knob. Women wear great weights of metal as rings for ornament.⁶ The Galla women wear rings to the weight of four or six pounds.⁷ Tylor⁸ says that an African belle wears big copper rings which become hot in the sun, so that the lady has to have an attendant, whose duty it is to cool them down by wetting them. The queen of the Wavunias on the Congo wore a brass collar around her neck, which weighed from sixteen to twenty pounds. She had to lie down once in a while to rest.⁹ The Herero wear iron which in the dry climate retains luster. The women wear bracelets and leglets, and iron beads

from the size
of a pea to that of a potato. They carry weights up
to thirty-five

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Bijdragen tot T. L. en V.-kunde, XXXV, 67.

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JAI, XIII, 280.

⁸ Aiistral. Assoc. Adv. Sci., 1892, 622.

⁴ Hagen, Unter den Papuas, 241.

⁵ Ibid., 213.

⁶ Woodford, Nat[^]lraUst among Headhunters[^] 178.

⁷ Paulitschke, Ethnog. N.O. Afrikas, I, 93.

Anthropology', 243.

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JAI, XVII, 235.